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The following observations were made in WELAR (M 51/J 57):

1. Former Mannheim Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse and on "Herren-  
rodschen": Infantry units totaling about 2,000 troops, mostly  
recruits. The troops observed in the kaserne were 18 to 22  
years of age and wore black-bordered, red epaulets. The truck  
[redacted] identified there. About 1,000 troops with red-  
bordered, black epaulets of other units had left the kaserne for  
maneuvers.
2. Former Blak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse: Artillery unit of  
about 200 men. Six 76.2-mm antiaircraft guns were emplaced at  
the large drill ground west-northwest of the kaserne. The  
guns were well-camouflaged and pointed toward south and south-south-

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3. Former Auszendorf house on Littersburgerstrasse, "Am Herrenhofen" and on Lustendorferstrasse:

u. One hundred to one hundred and fifty man rear detail of an artillery unit which was away on maneuvers. Sixty 76.2-mm anti-aircraft guns, pointing west and north-west, were being emplaced 1,000 to 1,500 feet north of the gas works during the night of 3 or just before. The guns later fired several rounds. A small field wire was constructed by about 50 troops, leading from the anti-aircraft gun emplacement to the Lietzendorf Kaserne.

b. In about 100-man rear detail of a signal unit, which (with about 400 men) had left for maneuvers. Reels with field wire were loaded on four trucks, including one with [REDACTED]

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c. A 150-man rear detail of a motor transport unit, which had also left for maneuvers.

d. A hospital unit.

4. Former Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz-Allee and Luernerstrasse: A signal unit of about 800 men. Only a few recruits were observed with this unit. The large garage of the Kaserne was chiefly occupied by motor vehicles of the WEI AR army headquarters. The following

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truck of the signal unit

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passenger cars of the WEI AR army headquarters.

5. Other observations:

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a. A General using the staff car [redacted] was billeted at 3a Carl-Alexander-Allee.

b. Soviet civilians departed from WEI AR at an increased rate. About 75 percent of the houses on "Im Hypothekenbuschel" had been vacated.

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25X1A [redacted] Comment: The report, [redacted] indicates that the loss of the WEI AR units was still away on maneuvers in mid-August 1949. Besides numerous recruits in the former Tannenberg Kaserne (probably the training center of the 57th Gds 12 Rifle Div?) and rear details in the other Kasernes, only units which are directly assigned to the Eighth Gds Army headquarters (including the signal unit in the former Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz-Allee) are believed to have remained in the WEI AR Post. According to another source [redacted] about 2,000 troops returned to the WEI AR post from maneuvers on 2 September 1949\*. These troops were probably Eighth Gds Army motor transportation units (including the 257th Motor Trans Bn), [redacted]

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